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Quick response of Ecorse citizen and police worked



The citizens of Ecorse have turned up the heat on air conditioning thieves. They along with the Ecorse police department are letting the thieves know that they will not stand by and be victims anymore.

The latest incident was foiled in the wee hours of the morning on September 28. Officers Olson and Cieszkowski responded to the area of 15th and Salliotte where several black males were standing around the

townhouses in the area.

Due to the recent larcenies in that area, the residents called in the suspicious group when they observed one of the subjects carrying a pair of 'Bolt-cutters'.

Once the police officers arrived, two of the suspects fled the area on foot and another one took off at a high rate of speed through the neighborhood. The Ecorse

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Conyers warns of impact in face of Government Shutdown



(WASHINGTON) — Today, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.), Ranking Member of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement concerning the shutdown of the federal government, including the federal Judiciary:

“Following the election of the Republican Majority to Congress in 2010, we have careened from one manufactured fiscal crisis to another. At midnight last night, House Republicans forced the government into shutdown that has already begun to harm feder-

al workers and shutter essential government functions for families across the country all due to Republicans' insistence on derailing the Affordable Care Act prior to its implementation. This ideological obstructionism is

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Voter registration deadline nears for Nov. 5 election

Elections will be held in 75 of Michigan's 83 counties



LANSING, Mich. - Michigan residents have until Monday, Oct. 7, to register in order to vote in the Nov. 5 election, said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

“I would encourage all qualified residents to register to vote,” said Johnson, Michigan's chief election offi-

cer. “Registration takes only a few minutes and will enable voters to be a part of democracy and have their say on Election Day.”

Elections are being held in 75 of Michigan's 83 counties on Nov. 5. The polls will be open

Westland breaks ground on New City Hall



Westland, MI -City dignitaries, department heads and members of the Westland City Council are inviting residents, the press and business leaders to join them in a Groundbreaking Ceremony to inaugurate the transformation

of Westland's new City Hall building. With shovels and sledgehammers in hand, they will gather at the former City Circuit building on Warren Road on Monday, October 7 at 11am to kick off a momentous occasion in the City's his-

tory.

Upon completion, City offices will move from the Ford Road City Hall, built in 1966, to the newly retrofitted 64,000

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ELECTION NEWS

Candidate for Romulus City Clerk - Ellen Bragg



1. Why are you running for this elected position?

There has been significant progress in the Clerk's office and I am proud of the many accomplishments made by my staff and I over the past 4 years. This includes; In-person voter registration assistance to senior citizens and high school students; Improved web-resources and data management; vastly improved records and archival for the Romulus Cemetery; Codified the City Code of Ordinances; implemented the Electronic Poll Book and consolidated voting precincts to save taxpayers over 1/3 of Election Day costs.

As the City Clerk, my objective is to build on my accomplishments, continue on the path toward excellence, and provide professional, customer -friendly services to the residents of Romulus. I am committed to community and dedicated to progress!

2.What makes you qualified to represent the citizens of Romulus?

Prior to becoming clerk, I was an employee of Romulus Community Schools for 13 years and served one term on city council. I am a certified municipal clerk

and accredited by the State of Michigan Bureau of Election. I completed the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Institute, through Central Michigan University. I am honest and experienced and I have built my political career on integrity and accountability.

3.What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city, if any?

I believe real change is contingent upon a vision, good government, accountability and strong leadership. I am looking forward to working together with the incoming new administration, legislative body, community leaders and residents, and work towards change that will build a strong and prosperous community for all in the City of Romulus.

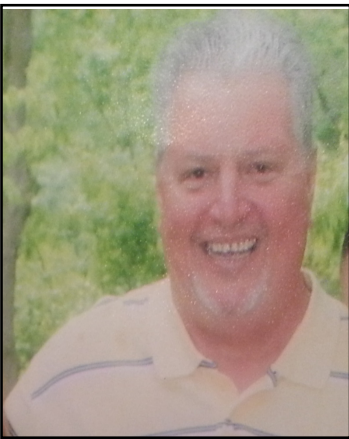
4.What do you like about your city and how would you convince another person to come live here?

One of the greatest strengths in the Romulus Community is it's diversity of residents and the ability to work together as a community for the common good of the City. Romulus has a rich heritage and a legacy of generations of families that date back in the early 1800's. What I appreciate most is the fact that with a population of about 23,989, Romulus has a "small town feel" about it. It is a great place to raise a family. That is why my husband and I, 18 years ago, chose to settle in the City of Romulus and raise our three children.

5. What type of job/career do you have currently?

Romulus City Clerk

Candidate for River Rouge City Council - Mark Pruneau



1. Why are you running for this position?

I have just begun my 10th year as commissioner of River Rouge. I love to serve this city and it's residents. My colleagues and I have had to

battle the elimination of a 4 million dollar deficit and the mission will be completed June 30, 2014! I want to be there to celebrate the victory!

2. What makes you qualified to represent the citizens of River Rouge?

I have been a commissioner for the past 10 years. This and my educational background is definitely a plus.

3. What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city? If any?

I would definitely try harder to convince more business owners to come here concentrating more on fast food. I definitely think that our city and

surrounding communities would support it. (I.e. look at our McDonalds)

4. What do you like about our city and how would you convince another person to life here?

Most definitely our residents. I always do and will continue to let people that I know that live elsewhere, just how friendly and trustworthy our residents are. Everyone is always willing to help each other out whenever need be.

5. What type of job/career do you currently have?

I currently work for the River Rouge School District as the Facilities Director.

Candidate for River Rouge City Council Patty Campbell



to represent the citizens of River Rouge?

I am a lifelong resident of River Rouge, adding that with my work experiences and education and you have a person that offers the right problem solving solutions and ideas. I am always trying to find any type of programs that help citizens here in the city, a yearly health fair, seminars on qualifying for mortgages and other programs.

1. Why are you running for this position?

I am running because this will offer me the change to continue to work for all the residents of River Rouge. I can also continue to help balance out the city's budget problems and I can be a voice or an ear for our residents.

2. What makes you qualified

3. What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city? If any?

I would like to see more families and business returning and coming into our city to help make our tax base more secure and become a part of the strengthening and rebuilding of River Rouge.

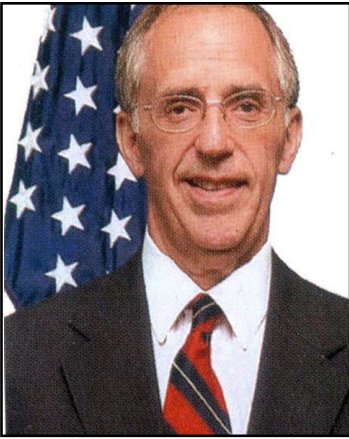
4. What do you like about our city and how would you convince another person to life here?

I love the people here. I love that they are the best reflection of our city Motto, "The Image of River Rouge begins with you" and when the going gets rough the people of River Rouge pull together. I ask people to come to River Rouge and talk and be part of the people. I invite business to come in and see how the people will embrace them and are willing to let them become a part of the River Rouge family.

5. What type of job/career do you currently have?

I currently work for the Fewes Memorial CME Church as the Church Secretary and as Administrative Assistant to Rev. A Richard Doss.

Candidate for Ecorse City Council Gary Sammons



1.Why are you running for this position?

The entire community of Ecorse needs good government that represents the citizens that live here.

2. What makes you qualified to represent the citizens of River Rouge?

Experience: Lifelong resident of Ecorse, former Administrative Asst. of the Mayor, City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Councilman, for-

mer teacher of American Government at Ecorse High.

3. What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city? If any?

We are in debt and we need more services not fewer. Cutting out current wast to free up money to increase those services.

4. What do you like about our city and how would you convince another person to life here?

I love the city and the people

it is unique that we have a small town atmosphere in a urban setting. I have talked friends into moving here from other cities by showing them the city.

5. What type of job/career do you currently have?

My number one priority is helping my father who turned 97 on September 7, 2013. I also work part time with a non-profit teaching other how to teach.

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Knowing Better, but not Doing Better

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



As the saying goes, "Once you know better, you should do better." Most of us can remember situations that would have benefitted us in some way or another had we only used the knowledge we received from our parents, our elders, our friends, or our teachers. Many accidents could have been prevented, many tragedies could have been averted, a lot of heartache could have been avoided, and a great deal of jail time would have been skipped. Think about it. We have knowledge but fail to act appropriately with the knowledge we have and, therefore, end up paying dearly for not doing better even though we know better.

Collectively, Black people continue to practice inappropriate behavior despite having a wealth of knowledge, or at least have access to it. We have folks who share knowledge with us on a daily basis, but we fail to put it to good use. We are intellectually lazy, and we refuse to move once we obtain knowledge that will assist us in our quest to get off the bottom rungs of this society.

Admittedly, many of us only have information, and we have it coming out of our ears. Just listen to some talk radio shows, or listen to the brothers in the barber shop. We are experts in everything. No subject is foreign to us. You name it, we can discuss it and make others believe we know what we're talking about. That's the difference between having knowledge and just having information. Knowledge, understanding, and wisdom (which is the proper application of it all), are what we should seek.

I once wrote a piece titled "If we are so smart, why are we so far behind?" It typified our penchant for purporting to know a lot of things but failing to put that knowledge to good use. We know that we are being lied to by politicians; we know that our justice system is rigged against us; we know that our education system is not the best for our children; we know that we are primarily consumers and not producers; we know that we own about the same percentage of this nation's wealth as we did 100 years ago; and we know that we are suffering from the highest poverty and unemployment, the worst health, and the lowest life expectancy in this country. We know these things but are acting inappropriately in the face of it all.

Our leaders are telling us everything is getting better, or it will get better, if we would only "keep marching" – as if that will change our condition. While we are marching other folks are taking care of their businesses, selling us marching shoes, caps, and T-shirts that, show the world how angry we are.

We have a Congress that keeps threatening to shut down the government, thus, stopping services and in some cases, curtailing or delaying pay and benefits for "the people," knowing all the while that their pay and benefits will keep right on coming if that happens. What a heartless group of guys and gals they are; we know better, but we elect them to rule over us. They make rules that only we have to follow, rules that will devastate "the people" but exempt them and their families – and we put them in office. We know better, but we don't do better.

When Warren Buffett himself comes out and says, "Inequality is getting worse," and adds that since our near economic disaster five years ago, business has come back and now the rich are faring very well. We had better listen to that knowledge. He notes the aggregate wealth of the Forbes 400 is as much as \$2 trillion. But he also says that the general populace is suffering. The bottom 20 percent of households (24 million households, 60 million people), at the top level, earns just \$22,000. Our economy is delivering \$50,000 in GDP per capita and we have an awful lot of people not living very well. "I don't want to try to live on \$22,000 with a couple of kids," Buffett continued.

So what about you? We know Warren is living larger than any of us can imagine, but he is still correct in his assessment. His wealth does not automatically negate his knowledge of the financial markets and the economic conditions of our society. We have the same general economic knowledge he has; or we have access to it. We can see what he has done with his knowledge; what have we done with ours?

Remember when your parents told you not to do something, like play around the hot stove or throw rocks at one another? After you got hurt, some of our parents and grandparents would say, "No better for you; I told you not to do that." So, let's add their admonishment to the end of our saying: "Once you know better, you should do better or 'no better' for you."

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, blackonomics.com.

Whose fault is it?

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



President Obama spoke last Tuesday about the government shutdown and turned it into a sales pitch for the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare if you will.

Naturally he blamed the Republicans for the shutdown because they want a one year extension until the individual mandate kicks in on the budget. I see it a bit differently.

The Senate Democrats is holding the country hostage until they get the budget they want. A budget with no changes to Obamacare.

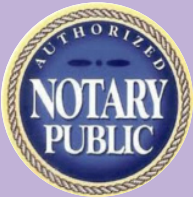
The House keeps reworking the budget and the Senate just ignores it. Won't even look at it. It is the Democrats that are acting like children, not the Republicans. But they made their point.

Now they should give the Senate what they want and get the country moving again. Be the bigger man.

Obamacare has already started, and there are some good parts to it. The preexisting illness clause is one. But overall it is just government over government.

The Democrats own it and when it doesn't work right, and it won't, and people are unhappy they will be the ones to blame.

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NEWS FROM LANSING

House Committee Approves Scrap Metal Theft Bills

Bills increases tools for prosecutors to hold illegal scrappers accountable

LANSING –The state House Committee on Regulatory Reform voted out two scrap metal bills today co-sponsored by state Representative Rashida H. Tlaib (D-Detroit). House Bills 4593 and 4595 tighten regulations by including all types of scrap metals, requirements for scrap metal dealers and sellers to follow, and penalties for anyone who buy or sells stolen scrap metal.

"As a recent victim of scrap metal theft myself, I am proud to report that the state House Committee on Regulatory Reform today voted out two scrap metal bill, House Bills 4593 and 4595, which I have championed for over 3 years," said Tlaib. "These bills tighten regulations by including all types of scrap metals, not just nonferrous, it gets rid of the instant cash attraction by delaying payment for catalytic converter, air conditioners and copper wire as well as requiring a photo of the metals being purchased, training of all scrap yard employees and identifying the employee that weighs and inspects the material on the scale."

House Bill 4593 also includes an expanded list of items that dealers cannot buy unless the seller has proper authorization.

"In an effort to strengthen the tools of law enforcement to stop scrap metal theft, this package provides the hammer and nails to discourage those who are breaking the rules," said Senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint), who sponsored HB 4595 when he served in the House. "Today's vote was an important step forward in protecting our homes, businesses, and places of worship from being torn apart."

Scrap metal theft doesn't just happen in urban areas. It is also a problem in Michigan's rural communities.

"Scrap metal theft is a statewide issue, impacting not only Michigan's urban areas, but also its rural communities," said Rep. Paul Muxlow (R-Brown City), sponsor of HB 4593. "As metal theft has risen in this state, rural communities like those in the 83rd district have experienced a dramatic increase in metal theft to farm equipment, and even wind turbines. To help stop this epidemic, we have done our due diligence and put together bipartisan reforms which will discourage bad actors and provide more tools for law enforcement to prosecute thieves."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response Time

I would like to thank Ecorse Police Officers for their response to my 911 call around 4:00 a.m. this morning.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the apprehension of a vehicle and 1 suspect. I'm grateful the criminals are aware Ecorse Police does respond, despite fewer officers, higher workloads and the challenges of being under staffed!

My air conditioner was stolen a few months ago. Early this morning I was awoken by young men with wire cutters

running around outside. Your response prevented my air conditioner from being stolen.

Please accept this water, juice and snacks as a token of my appreciation and escalate this letter to anyone that can increase the number of officers needed to patrol. With an economic decline criminal activity has increased including copper, car thefts and we cannot afford to compromise the safety of the public.

With prayers and gratitude Ms. L. Brown Ecorse, MI

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Magnificent Man Kevin C. Kennedy

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



God sends amazing people into our lives to be a blessing to us, support us, inspire us, teach us and cheer us on as we move forward into destiny. God has done this for many of us and I am amazed at how He has done it for Treva in Tennessee!

Although she is not a native of that state, she has been received with open arms by some very prominent people with diverse backgrounds. Treva's vision is contagious and many have caught it in TN. Our next Magnificent Man is one of them. He is also a God-fearing humanitarian who cares about justice and the welfare of all people. Based on the information I've

gathered, I would say this Magnificent Man is sort of like the Jeffrey Fieger of Tennessee. He is Kevin C. Kennedy, a prominent attorney in civil and criminal practice, both on the state and federal level in Montgomery County in TN.

He graduated with honors from Austin Peay State U and now owns the Kennedy Law Firm. He has been a Professor of law at colleges and has served as Dean of Legal Studies at Draugns Junior College as well as Bowling Green in Kentucky.

After the Persian Gulf War, also known as Operation Desert Storm, Kennedy was invited to appear on the Oprah Winfrey Show where he shared his knowledge on wartime divorces. During this same time, he was interviewed by the Washington Post, New York Times and CNN to share his expertise.

Kennedy designed and uses a replica of a courtroom in the rear of his office to teach by using a full-scale simulated court, complete with bench, bar, jury panel, counsel

tables, judge's chamber, jury deliberation room, inmate holding room and spectator seating to teach students how the court system works. Local schools use the facility for training with mock trials. It is called: The Court of Creativity and it housed Montgomery County's first Teen Court.

Kennedy owns the Kennedy Walking Horse Farm which has been in his family for over 109 years. He is published author of the book How to Make Money in the Tennessee Walking Horse Business, which sold nation-wide.

Kennedy was named the 2004 volunteer of the year by the Ed Atkins Foundation for Clarksvillians, named William O. Beach Montgomery County Citizen of the Year and City of Clarksville Citizen of the Year both in 2008, serves on the Austin Peay State University Foundation, is a member of the Governor's Club, and is a member of First Baptist Church of Clarksville where he teaches Sunday School and is a Deacon.

Union Second Baptist Church

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Dr. Kenneth L. Brown - Pastor

Services Times

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Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am
Morning Service 11:00 am

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Romans 13:1 ESV

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

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Mid-Week:

Tuesdays- Bible Class9:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.

Wednesday - Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light into my path." - Psalms 119:105

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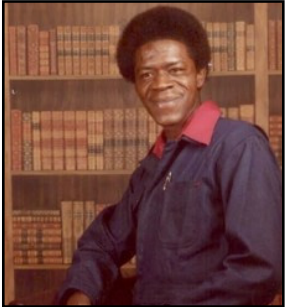


DOVIE D. MOTLEY
Oct 14, 1946 – Sept 13, 2013

Dovie loved cooking, reading her bible, and spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren who loved her deeply.

She leaves to cherish her memory, five beautiful children: one son, Gable (Autumn); four daughters, Felicia, Kim, Tondria and Tieda; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Naomi and Madeline; one brother, Marvin; two sister laws, Denise and Etta; two brothers-law, Martess and Stanley; a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



VINSON WOODS CARLTON
Sept 22, 1952 – Sept 22, 2013

He expressed his love to family and friends by always making sure they knew how he felt about them.

He leaves to cherish his memory his dutiful and loving mother Jeannette Woods, sister, Irma (Calvin) Witherspoon, Aunt Virginia Hargrove-Smith, longtime companion and soul mate Jacqueline Pennington, three nieces, Monica Williams, Tia Williams, Courtney Quinn, great niece, Imani Quinn and a multitude of cousins, extended family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



ROSETTA JOHNSON
Mar 15, 1942 – Sept 13, 2013

Rosetta was a very Spiritual and wise woman and liked to support her

church. She enjoyed sharing her gifts with her community and family, she had a very generous heart and a deep love for animals.

She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her life two daughters, Joann & Carmen, two sons, Michael & Christopher, four grandchildren Rosetta, Morgan, Kendall & Taylor, two great grands Tianna & Credell Jr., family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinsons Funeral Home.



REGINALD CHARLES SPIKES
Oct 4, 1952 – Sept 15, 2013

Reggie never met a stranger, he was an outgoing person who was always willing to give a positive word, helpful advice or help when needed.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his wife Lillie Spikes, two daughters Lekeisha Spikes & Tonia Spikes, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinsons Funeral Home.



TERRANCE WATSON
Feb 5, 1961 – Sept 20, 2013

He had many passions, he loved motorcycles, he loved working on them and was a member of a local Motorcycle (Mc/Vc) Club. He could often be found watching all types of sports esp. football.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his mother Bonnie Howard, Daughter Ayanna (Robert) Grays, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinsons Funeral Home.



ANNETTE MCCLENDON
May 27, 1960 – Sept 24, 2013

She loved to help people

and chose a career as a Private Care Specialist, so she could continue to help those who were having physical & mental difficulties.

She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her life her daughter Tanya, two granddaughters Bryanna and Paige, mother Geraldine, two sisters Kathy and Lawanda, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



LORIS THOMPSON
Nov 20, 1927 – Sept 17, 2013

Born in Louisville, Ky the youngest child to Jesse & Georgia Myer.

She leaves to mourn her loss and cherish her memories her husband David Thompson, son, daughter, grandchildren, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



SARAH JAME SMITH
Oct 8, 1936 – Sept 3, 2013

Sarah was someone who knew how to love. She loved to shop, especially at night 30 minutes before stores actually close.

Many precious loving memories will be cherished by her 2 daughters: Angela Smith and Karen (Dwayne) Smith-Page; 2 sons: Anthony and Valandar (Andrea) Smith;

5 sisters: Ruby (Pete) Quinn, Willie Hucks, Essie Granderson, Annie (Leo) Williams, Calvin (Ioree) Hucks, and Betty Davis, 1 sister-in-law, Lessie Smith; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, church family and friends. Her Caregivers: marsha Macon, Bernice Jemison, Belinda Gholston and Robert Dunson.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Clora Funeral Home.

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Runner for Christ	1125 Fort St	Lincoln Park	Pastor Gerald Overall	313-381-9303

FROM THE TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER
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Eighteenth Street Block Club host
2nd Annual Fun Day



The Eighteenth Street Block Club No. 2 hosted its 2nd Annual Fun Day on Saturday, August 18, 1984. The day was filled with games and activities for its youth and adults.

Mary Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, participated by awarding trophies and ribbons to the winners of the youth activities.

Michael Ciungan was on hand to congratulate and praise block members for their ability to work cooperative for a beautiful Ecorse.

Reverend Joseph Barlow attended the activities and prayed for the continued success of the Club. He also dedicated the recently installed lights and signs which add beauty and additional light to the block.

Block members are looking forward to future activities that will unite them with other block clubs in an effort to work together for a beautiful Ecorse community.

Winners of the Bike Raffle were: First Drawing – Tim Dalton, Second Drawing – Cleve Ayrrer, Block Club President, Ben Dobbs.

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Ecorse Birthday Club
leads plans to
Light Up the City



Ethel Stevenson Treasurer, and Mary Ann King the President of the Ecorse Birthday Club

"We remember when the City of Ecorse was bright with lights during the holiday season." That is what Ethel Stevenson of the Ecorse Birthday Club at a City Council meeting in September. Now the plans are in place to get the community involved to make it happen.

The Ecorse Birthday Club has held community meetings with city business owners to encourage them to light up their businesses during the holiday season. They will also be reaching out to block clubs and residents so that the entire city is bright with lights and decorations as the world celebrates the birth of Christ.

The goal of the Light Up the City program is to have a contest and give away prizes in all three categories; businesses, block clubs and homes. You

must stop by the Ecorse Senior Center to register for the contest. There is no cost to participate in the contest. President of the Ecorse Birthday Club, Mary Ann King says, "You must have your decorations up by December 15th to participate. We want all homes and businesses to have their lights on."

We are not asking for money from anyone. We just want everyone to participate. Some of businesses that have already signed up are Soul Set Salon, El-Paisa Taco Truck, Zee's Income Tax and the 15th St. Block Club.

The Ecorse Birthday Club has been in existence for 64 years. Four of its charter members are still involved; Ruth Grier, Hattie Pearl Gletton, Clattie Mae Dukes and Ethel Stevenson.

Westland

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square foot facility. Ideally located in the heart of Westland's "Shop and Dine" district, this \$10 million purchase and retrofit of a long-vacant building is being funded with tax revenues generated by the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority.

"We are celebrating much more than renovation of a vacant building," said Mayor Wild. "We are hailing a resurgence in economic and community development that is sure to follow the City's reinvestment in our Shop and Dine District and we are charting a positive course for Westland's future;" Wild continued.

The result will be a more functional City Hall nearly five times the size of the current city hall with significant space for community meeting rooms and storage space. Joining the current City Hall departments will be the Department of Public Service Administration, the Building and Planning Departments,

the Youth Assistance Program and WLND, the City's Cable Department. Replacing the current City Hall long afflicted with basement flooding causing erosion of the land underneath the building, an ever growing sinkhole that compromises the structure's foundation, and a building lacking meeting space and ADA accessibility, the Warren Road City Hall will be a welcoming, accessible, functional modern and energy-efficient public facility that will well serve the residents and businesses of Westland for years to come.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony beginning at 11:00am on Monday, October 7, 2013 at the new City Hall property will include short presentations, followed by tours of the site. Boxed lunches will be provided.

"We welcome everyone to come out and join us for this historic celebration;" concluded Mayor Wild.

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Community Pizza Party at Mark Twain School

for Literary Scholars to envision new services for the school



Mark Twain School for Literary Scholars is among 21 Detroit Public Schools buildings that will soon become a "12/7 Community School" to better serve the needs of families. The surrounding community is being invited to a Community Pizza Party October 25 to envision and plan the services the school should provide.

Under the Community Schools model, schools will extend their hours beyond the traditional school day to offer services such as job skills training, child/elder care, financial literacy, food distribution and medical care.

The Michigan Department of Human Services and DPS also will jointly fund success coaches and Community Schools coordinators for each site through the "Pathways to Potential" program.

"One of DPS' objectives is to implement the Community Schools strategy to improve academic performance by establishing wrap-around services at Mark Twain," said Carol Weaver, director of the Community Schools program.

Community Schools will bring together multiple resources aimed at meeting the needs of students, both socially and emotionally. Opportunities include extra help with homework and more enrichment classes and activities, such as art and music, mentoring and athletics.

"Community Schools bring resources to the school that can help our families so that they can help their children be successful," said Linda Whitaker, Principal of Mark Twain School for Literary Scholars. Adult literacy, GED courses, parent training, housing and utility assistance, and employment referrals are some of the services that may be available at the school through the Community Schools process.

Planning sessions will be underway at each school to determine which services and

programs will be offered.

Where and When:

The planning session for Mark Twain will be held Friday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. Parents, community members and stakeholders are invited to the event, which will be in the form of a Community Pizza Party.

What is a Community School?

A Community School is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Community Schools offer consolidated services provided by multiple agencies in one location with extended hours, 12 hours per day and 7 days per week. The 21 DPS Community Schools will move toward operating during this time frame.

An integrated focus is placed on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement to improve student learning, create stronger families and support healthier communities.

Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone – all day, every day, evenings and weekends.

Using public schools as hubs, Community Schools bring

together many partners to offer a range of supports and opportunities to children, families and communities.

Partners work to achieve these results:

- Children are ready to enter school

- Students attend school consistently

- Students are actively involved in learning and their community

- Families are increasingly involved with their children's education

- Schools are engaged with families and communities

- Students succeed academically

- Students are healthy—physically, socially, and emotionally

- Students live and learn in a safe, supportive, and stable environment

- Communities are desirable places to live

Services may include:

- Homework assistance

- Child care and elder care

- Financial literacy programs

- Parental training and prenatal training

- Technology skills, access to computer labs

- Language programs and literacy development

- Medical services provided through on-site healthcare facilities

- Social workers from the state's Department of Human Services "Pathways to Potential" program

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Fall programs under way at the Romulus Library



ROMULUS – Fall programs are under way at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road. More free classes, appearances by authors and movies are scheduled for the months ahead as the library features continue to expand.

The free Preschool Story Time and Toddler Story Time are going strong. Preschool Story Time for children ages 3½ to 5 continue at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, October 1-November 12. Toddler Story Time for children 2 to 3½ continues at 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, October 3-November 14.

The class for preschoolers features stories, songs and crafts and is limited to 20 per session. Register by calling the library at (734) 942-7589. The toddler session features stories, rhymes, songs and play time.

The Second Monday Book Club is a book discussion group open to everyone 18 and older. Different books are discussed each month from 7

to 8 p.m. each second Monday of the month. Membership is free, there is no registration and library staff can assist in getting a copy of the featured book. The featured book for October is:

- October 14 – The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

Free computer classes at the library are expanding.

- Introduction to the Internet, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 12. Learn Internet basics using Internet Explorer. Topics include understanding the toolbar and menu options, entering Web addresses and bookmarking favorite web-sites. Basic PC, keyboard and mouse skills are required.

The Friends of the Library have scheduled used book sales for noon to 4 p.m. the second Friday and Saturday of the month in the library meeting room. The next sale dates are October 11-12,

The Romulus Public Library hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

For more information on library programs, call (734) 942-7589 or visit the website www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

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State to go ‘Pure Michigan Pink’ in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LANSING, Mich. – October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Michigan and all official state of Michigan social media accounts will be “going pink” for the second year in a row, Gov. Rick Snyder announced today.

“A woman in the United States has a one in eight chance of developing invasive breast cancer in her lifetime. But when breast cancer is caught early and treated, survival rates can be near 100 percent,” said Snyder, whose wife, first lady Sue Snyder, successfully battled breast cancer. “During this month we join with numerous organizations, agencies and health professionals to raise breast cancer awareness in Michigan, and to remind women everywhere that regular screening and early detection are crucial to surviving this invasive disease.”

The “M” in the Pure Michigan logo, usually seen in blue or green, will be made pink in social media profile images and platform backgrounds for the entire month of October. State of Michigan department Web pages, the official Michigan.gov portal and Snyder’s website will also display the pink “M” for the cause. The state of Michigan launched the effort last year and received overwhelming support from state agencies, partners and residents across Michigan.

With a collective following of nearly 6 million users among its 147 total social media accounts, the state of Michigan is launching the campaign for a second year to engage citizens with a series of messages that will include breast cancer screening tips, information and resources.

This year, Michigan residents are encouraged to tweet, post and share their story and images using the #puremipink hashtag on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Appropriate images will be shared and cataloged in a special gallery on www.michigan.gov/social-media. A list of breast cancer awareness events around Michigan will be available on the Pure Michigan blog: <http://www.michigan.org/blog/link-roundup/pure-michigan-pink-recognizes-breast-cancer-awareness-month>.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among Michigan women and the most commonly diagnosed cancer, with an estimated 8,140 women to be diagnosed in 2013, according to the American Cancer Society.

The Michigan Cancer Consortium, Michigan Department of Community Health, American Cancer Society and the American Medical Association recommend that women age 20 and older have a clinical breast exam performed by a health care provider every three years. Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram and clinical breast exam every year and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health.

Although every woman is at risk of developing breast cancer, some factors increase a woman’s likelihood of developing the disease. These risk factors include:

- Increasing age.
- A personal history of breast

cancer.

- A family history of breast cancer (especially premenopausal onset) in a mother, sister or other multiple relatives.
- High-dose radiation to the chest.
- Never giving birth or having a first child after the age of 30.
- A long menstrual history.

Women who cannot afford a mammogram may qualify for free breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). To be eligible for the program, women must meet the following criteria:

- Have an income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level (for example, in 2012 a family of two can earn up to \$38,775 per year and still qualify).
- Be uninsured or underinsured.
- Be between the ages of 40 and 64.

For more information on the BCCCP, call 1-800-922-MAMM to obtain a local phone number for a nearby BCCCP coordinating agency or visit https://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955-13487--,00.html.

For more information about state of Michigan social media initiatives visit www.michigan.gov/social-media. To learn more about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, visit www.nbcam.org.



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For more information please contact Jason A. Malloy at 1-888-695-6575 or nextlevelsports55@gmail.com.
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ACA: You Need to Know

by George Davis - Special to the NNPA from the Los Angeles Sentinel



Three years after becoming law, plenty of Americans really don't understand what the Affordable Care Act – also known as Obamacare – already does, and what it will do in the near future. It's time to know what the health care law can do for you and your family.

In this tough economic climate, African Americans all over the country are struggling to find employment, much less jobs with health benefits. According the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' July report, 12.6 percent of black Americans were unemployed. Even among those who are employed, health insurance coverage can be elusive. While the majority of people of color – including African Americans – have a full-time worker in the family, they are more likely to be in low-income, low-wage jobs that provide limited access to employer-sponsored health insurance.

The health care law helps reduce the number of people who are uninsured through Medicaid expansion in states that decide to expand their programs, and the creation of

a health insurance marketplace with money available to help lower- and moderate-income individuals pay for coverage. Enrollment in the marketplace opens October 1st, with coverage starting in 2014.

Two of the key goals of the health care law are to increase the number of people who have health insurance and to make health insurance more affordable. Health insurance coverage will give people with chronic conditions, like diabetes and high blood pressure, access to important treatments that can help them manage these conditions and improve their health outcomes.

But that's not all. Under the health care law, parents who have health insurance can keep their adult children on their family insurance policies until they turn 26. The sad reality is that young adults have the highest rate of unemployment of any age group, especially African American young men.

In addition, there are also benefits for older Americans receiving Medicare under the health care law. Annual wellness checks are available at no cost. Diet counseling and smoking cessation classes are also provided at no costs for those who qualify.

Plus, there's another big benefit: insurance companies can't deny coverage to people with pre-existing health conditions, nor can people be dropped from an insurance plan because of their health conditions. These are signifi-

cant changes brought about by the health care law.

Regardless of how people feel about the law, it is the law. And knowing its benefits can make a difference in your life. To help, AARP has created a new online tool called www.HealthLawAnswers.org – a quick and easy way to get customized information based on where you live, gender, your family size, income, and insurance status.

It's everyone's right and everyone's business to know how the health care law affects their lives and their health. Get informed. It's time.

George Davis is the state president of AARP California, which serves more than 3.1 million members in the state.

INSURERS ON THE EXCHANGE


The 13 insurance companies submitted plans for Michigan's federally run health insurance exchange

- Alliance Health and Life Insurance Company
- Blue Care Network of Michigan
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Consumers Mutual Insurance of Michigan (CO-OP)
- Health Alliance Plan
- Humana Medical Plan of Michigan Inc.
- McLaren Health Plan
- Meridian Health Plan of Michigan Inc.
- Molina Healthcare of Michigan
- Priority Health
- Priority Health Insurance Company
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OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 9, 2013

ARIES

Think hard about the nontraditional ideas that you have been percolating. Speak up. There are others that may be thinking the same thing but don't have the same courage to say. You have more in common with the people you work with than you think. There is strength in numbers.
Soul Affirmation: I let my friendships guide my way.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 40, 41

TAURUS

Others need you. Be a great listener this week. Teach but don't preach. Family members need a vision of the big picture. That's easy for you to give but use charm to give it. Be a cheer-giver. Expect nothing in return.
Soul Affirmation: When I give thanks for what I have, I lose all sense of what is missing

Lucky Numbers: 4, 32, 35

GEMINI

It is amazing how a big hearted person like you can button down to the detailed work when you've got the big picture still projecting over and over in your mind. Both the big picture and the details are important to you this week. Concentrate on both at the same time.
Soul Affirmation: Cooperation with others is the key to success for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 10, 48

CANCER

Love is always a learning experience but this week think back over past love affairs and be sensitive to the fact that there is a special truth you can discern. What you know about love can be used on someone rich and powerful this week. Matters of the heart and matters of the mind harmonize.

Soul Affirmation: I exercise to lower tension this week.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 46, 47

LEO

Thinking about what to do about your irritable lover? Make appointments that will create distance between you and those you are close to especially your sweetheart. Let anyone who wishes to fret be by his or herself. Spend time with yourself and find pleasant things to occupy your mind until this week passes.

Soul Affirmation: I love pressure as a test of how much I can master.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 26, 28

LIBRA

Take some time off for family matters. Work has occupied too much of your attention. Family matters are not most in need of your attention. Your attention is most in need of a focus on the

emotional attachments that family relationships involve.

Soul Affirmation: The enjoyment of good food is high on my agenda this week.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 8, 9

SCORPIO

Use a more diplomatic approach when you when make constructive comments to others. Your candid attitude is appreciated but diplomacy will be the key to ironing out the wrinkles in a delicate situation. Your financial woes that have been preoccupying your mind will soon be over. Feel good about the progress you've already made.

Soul Affirmation: True friendship is a mirror into which I look to see the beauty of my inner self.

Lucky Numbers: 25, 39, 46

SAGITTARIUS

Self-pity is not your style. It saps your energy and makes it hard for you to rise above whatever it is that has been bothering you. Do the usual: consider the unfortunate situation that arises this week as a learning opportunity? Learn well and move out into a brighter psychological space.

Soul Affirmation: With a positive spirit I co-create my week.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 26, 31

CAPRICORN

It's time to let co-workers and bosses see your astounding ability to organize tasks and get a lot of things done with style and grace. You can dazzle colleagues this week because things will fall into place easily for you. Use your ease to do something important.

Soul Affirmation: I become transparent. I let others see into my thoughts.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 23, 48

AQUARIUS

Voice your desires to the universe this week! Articulate your thoughts through a song a poem a sonnet! You will cause a stir of stimulation and hope for those around you. Find a place of solace where you can meditate and be in harmony with your true self.

Soul Affirmation: I remain adaptable so I can deal with changing circumstances.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 13, 30

PISCES

It's a great week to tell somebody you are close to that you love them. Saying it aloud gives you energy and of course your designated addressee will be delighted! Keep the big picture in mind this week and you'll feel completely buoyant!

Soul Affirmation: Charm is my middle name this week.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 24, 27

90's Songs 4

Find and circle all of the 1990's songs that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional song.

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Thee Lions Beat the Bears

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



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Matthew Stafford scoring six of the 27 points in the second quarter for the Lions.

It has never been as loud as it was this past Sunday at Ford Field. With the crowd playing the roll of the 12th man for the Lions was the energy needed for a 40-32 win vs. the Chicago Bears.

The Lions improved their record to 3-1 on the season and marks the second time in the past three seasons the team has jumped out and won at least three out of their first four games (4-0 in 2011). It also marks the second time under Head Coach Jim Schwartz that he has led the team to 3+ wins in the Lions' first three games. With a win over Chicago this past Sunday, Detroit also improved its NFC North record to 2-0 on the year.

With the game tied 3-3 heading into the second quarter then the explosive for the home team were set off as the Lions went

in to halftime with a 30-13 lead over the Bears, as they exploded for 27 points in the second quarter. The 27 points by the Lions set a franchise record for the most points ever scored in the second quarter of a game. The previous best was 24 points accomplished three other times. Detroit is now +4 in turnover margin this season (11 takeaways, 7 giveaways). The Lions' four takeaways vs. Chicago led to 17 points off takeaways.

With a fumble return touchdown, the Lions have now scored two defensive touchdowns this season after recording zero in 2012. Three picks Sunday, it marks the most interceptions gathered by the Lions defense vs. Chicago since they had four October 28, 2007. In this past Sunday win, QB Matthew Stafford completed 23 passes and became the first

player in NFL history to record 1,200 completions in a player's first 50 games. Today's game marked Stafford's 49th career game.

Running back Reggie Bush rushed for 139 yards on 18 attempts (7.7 avg.) and scored on a 37-yard touchdown in the Lions' win today. It was Bush's first 100-yard rushing game since joining the Lions and the eighth of his career. His 139 yards were the most by a Lions running back since RB Kevin Smith recorded 140 rushing yards vs. Carolina November 20, 2011. With the Lions trailing 10-9 in the second quarter, Wide receiver Michael Spurlock ignited the Lions' scoring as he set the Lions up for their first touchdown drive of the game with a 57-yard punt return. The punt return gave the Lions the ball at the Chicago 22-yard line. Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh recorded two sacks (22 yards loss), four tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack-fumble in the Lions' 40-32 win vs. Chicago. With two sacks today, it marked Suh's third career multi-sack day and the second time in his career he has registered 2+ sacks in a game. Suh's multi-sack day was his first since he had 2.0 sacks vs. Washington October 31, 2010. His second sack of the day was also a sack-fumble that turned into a 4-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Defensive tackle Nick Fairley. Safety Louis Delmas intercepted the Bears twice in today's win vs. Chicago, marking the first time in his career that he picked off two passes in the same game. Safety Glover Quin notched his second interception of the season when he picked off a Bears pass in the second quarter and returned it 42 yards as he was tackled at the Chicago 2-yard line. On the next play, the Lions scored on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Stafford to Johnson that gave the Lions a 23-10 lead. Quin now has two interceptions with the Lions and seven in his career. Lions Head Coach Jim Schwartz after the game commented on the importance of turnovers: "We have been good at turnovers. They made their plays also. They had a couple of turnovers that led to points. Our guys make their plays. We can't worry about what other people say about us or what they say about our opponents. We know what we have. We need to go out and play hard, play tough, play physical. We need to make our plays. Our guys have proven this year that they can do that. It was a big problem for us last year. We didn't get very many turnovers on defense. We got some playmakers on defense. We have some guys up front that can rush and guys in the back end that can go get the ball. We had a lot of injuries in the back end today, but we were still able to make enough plays to win the game." The Lions will travel to Green Bay this Sunday to take on a tough Packers team.

The Wyandotte Bears Beat Melvindale Cards in a Close One

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

It started quickly for Wyandotte (5-0), which was held to a 38-yard field goal three minutes into the game following a third-and-goal pass that flew over a receiver's head.

Melvindale (4-1) responded with an 8-yard field goal at the beginning of the second quarter. Good field position on the ensuing drive prompted a short TD pass to Melvindale's Albert Webster. Roosevelt's second-half defensive surge propelled it to a 17-10 Downriver League victory over Melvindale. No offense being the main factor in Melvindale's first loss of the season, Wyandotte Roosevelt now 5-0, took advantage, however only in the smallest of margins as the game ended with a combined four fumbles and interceptions.

Before halftime, both teams failed to capitalize several

times in the red zone. In the third quarter, Wyandotte's Damon Singleton intercepted a fourth-down pass on the 28-yard line. The very next play, it coughed up the ball and Melvindale recovered. On the next series, however, Melvindale got sacked twice for a loss, resulting in a turnover.

Wyandotte then took advantage and scored on 59-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Sowards, tying the game at 10-10. At the end of the quarter, Sowards handed Wyandotte its first lead of the game on a 30-yard touchdown reception. That's all the Bears needed to win its fifth game of the year. "Sowards has been doing that all year," Ron Adams said. "People don't give him as much credit as he deserves. Here are the rest of the scores of high school football play last week-end.

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Football Varsity 10/04 4:00 PM
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Football Varsity 10/04 7:00 PM
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September 21st, 2013

At 1735hrs, an off-duty officer notified the command officer and advised of a suspect walking east bound on Visger from 16th Street. He was the identified suspect who stole evidence from the RRPD Report Room. Suspect was wearing gray pants and a blue shirt and just walked into the gas station at Polk & Visger. When the suspect looked up and observed police officers he ran toward River Rouge Housing Units. Officers apprehended the suspect in the Polk/Beechwood alley just north of Visger. The suspect Resisted arrest and had to be forcibly handcuffed. He sustained minor abrasions while scuffling with officers on the ground. The suspect did not cooperate when being searched and was moving around. He was transported to the police station and gave False Information to police. The juvenile was admitted into the Youth Home and his mother was notified.

September 22nd, 2013

At 2214hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Goodell Street on a group being loud. Officers were just told that this same group had just assaulted a male riding a bicycle. Upon arrival the 59 year old male was standing in front of a resident, bleeding, from several lacerations on his face. His shirt covered with blood. Health Link was notified and dispatched to the scene. The male told officers he was riding his bike home when he was approached by several males. All males were wearing dark clothing. He stated the group knocked him to the ground and then started to hit

him with a closed hand fist, while kicking him. The male states they took his cell phone and bicycle when they stopped assaulting him. Then they took off running

September 22nd, 2013

At 0009hrs, officers were doing a bar check at Mr. K's Saloon when a female approached them and stated 2 males were outside urinating. Officers identified the 32 and 38 year old males after they observed them standing along a fence urinating. One male told officers it was an emergency, he had to go or he would have pissed in his pants. Officers arrested both males for Disorderly Person and Urinating in Public. One of the male gave False Information to the officer by using his brother's name, and later he would be correctly identified. This male had several outstanding warrants. He was transported to the police along with the other male booked, allowed to make a phone call then housed. The other male's record was clear and he was issued and released.

September 24th, 2013

At 2315hrs, officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Superior to investigate a Burglary w/Forced. Upon arrival officers spoke to a young 22 year old female who stated she has had an ongoing problem with her ex-boyfriend since she obtained a Personal Protection Order against him. On September 23rd, 2013, at 2300 hrs, she was in her bathroom getting ready to take a shower when she looked up and seen her boyfriend climbing through her bathroom window. She states when he seen her, he ran to the kitchen and out the back door. The female was not assaulted this time, but he has broken into her home on several occasions in the past.

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police officers pursued the individuals and the person driving the car was later captured.

A River Rouge police officer assisted with the arrest.

The watchful eyes of the citizen and the quick response of the police officers prevented the air conditioner unit from being stolen and the citizen from being inconvenienced. Safety Director Mike Moore said, "The officers are doing a great job although the department is short staffed. The key to keeping our community safe as we work through the staffing issue is for the citizens to be our eyes and ears as the young lady did in this case. " Detective Narda Bruno says, "Call us with any tips when you see something suspicious. Your phone call will be anonymous."

The 25 year old suspect, who was driving a grey Ford Explorer had a suspended driver's license with a Detroit address. The car was impounded and the suspect was arrested.

ELECTION NEWS

Candidate for River Rouge
Mayor - Donnie Love



1. Why are you running for this elected position?

A recent poll revealed that 68% of Americans feel that the U.S. Federal government is on the "wrong track". I am among those who believe that the Federal government has grown out of control, much like cancer does. This is true, not only at the federal level, but also internationally and locally as well. All the signs are evident: bloated bureaucracies, depleted economies, and a tangled web of ridiculous laws that invades every aspect of our lives and makes us all out to be criminals. If the current path remains unaltered, we will spiral into a form of global socialism on a scale

greater than that of China, North Korea, Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union combined. I see all this happening, and very few people — virtually no one — in government can see that government is the problem. I have always been involved in my community, and I felt it was time for me to get more deeply involved.

2. What makes you qualified to represent the citizens of River Rouge?

I'm not a politician and I'm not a lawyer. I'm not on the "inside," I'm on your side. I don't want your money and I don't want to control you. I simply want to promote business and peaceful relationships in River Rouge. An overwhelming majority of the people I've talked to feel the same way I do.

3. What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city, if any?

We must revitalize our economy. Lower spending and taxes to attract more business owners and home buyers to River Rouge. With the Jefferson bridge out for the foreseeable future, we are

more isolated than ever. We need great shopping and recreation to make people want to go out of their way to come to River Rouge, and stop chasing them away with speeding tickets.

4. What do you like about your city and how would you convince another person to come live here?

We do have good shopping here already for people who live here, restaurants, salons and night life. There are also a lot of good, friendly people who care about each other and want to work to make River Rouge a thriving community.

5. What type type of job/career do you have currently?

I've worked in many different fields from manufacturing to entertainment. I recently received a degree in Web design and had a small role in a local film called Solitaire. I own my own media company, Donnie Communications, where I design Web sites, do advertising with Michigan-USA.biz and produce a comic strip called Factory Rats.

Candidate for Ecorse
City Council - Casondria Walker



1. Why are you running for this elected position?

I am running for the elected position of City Council because I have a love for the city, its citizens and overall welfare of this great city. As a home owner and a business owner in the city, I have a personal vested interest in the future of our city. Because of this I purpose to bring new ideas to Ecorse and tap into the resources we have. I want to be the new voice for the people and business owners.

2. What makes you qualified to represent the citizens of Ecorse?

I am qualified to represent the citizens of Ecorse because of my educational, hands-on, work and community experience. As a lifelong resident of Ecorse....born, reared, and educated on Ecorse soil, I have a genuine love, concern, and a vested interest, in the revitalization of our city. I've

served as the Chairperson of the Ecorse Planning Committee and as Ecorse Precinct Delegate, currently on the Executive Board for AFT Local 2350, and as Building Representative for AFT Local 2350.

3. What would be some of the changes that you would make in your city, if any?

Some of the changes that I would make in the city would include, seeking resources and grants to have new businesses open up in Ecorse. With the collaboration of my colleagues, I would push for the houses that are city owned to be made affordable for families to move in, thus putting revenue back on the tax roll. I would also work with our State Reps and Congress to get federal dollars for more recreational resources and community centers.

4. What do you like about your city and how would you

convince another person to come live here?

There are numerous reasons that hold my heart in this grand city. But for those that have yet to experience the friendship of this great city, I would share the care and concern of its citizens, the loyalty of its neighborhoods, the steadfastness of the area businesses, its recreational jewels, entertainment hotspots, educational system, judicial landmarks, etc. If that wasn't convincing enough, I would simply share why my family has been a viable part of this community for over 3 generations and counting.

5. What type of job/career do you have currently?

I am currently employed with the Detroit Public Schools, and also a proud business owner located here in the City of Ecorse: KC's Eatery, famous for our home-style cooking; located at 3758 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

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Baggage Claim

Stewardess Frantically Searches for Mr. Right in Peripatetic Romantic Comedy

Film Review by Kam Williams



Montana Moore (Paula Patton) is in quite a quandary. The pretty stewardess is practically 30 years-old, the age by which her meddling mother (Jenifer Lewis) insists any young lady must marry to be considered respectable.

Meanwhile, her younger sister, Sheree (Lauren London), who's just a sophomore in college, is already engaged to a big man on a campus (Terrence Jenkins), a Heisman trophy hopeful with a bright future in professional football. The blissfully betrothed are set to tie the knot in a month, and Montana is determined to turn one of her former boyfriends into a fiancé prior to their wedding day.

So, enlisting the assistance of a couple of colleagues, Gail (Jill Scott) and Sam (Adam Brody), she proceeds to hack into her airline company's reservation schedule to determine the travel plans of her ex-beaus. Montana's unsuspecting candidates include a hip-hop producer (Trey Songz), a Republican politician (Taye Diggs) and a filthy-rich businessman (Djimon Hounsou), but not the lifelong friend (Derek Luke) living right across the hall who had once proposed to her when they were in grade school.

Consequently, the desperate spinster starts crisscrossing

the country to orchestrate "chance" encounters with well-heeled old flames while her Mr. Right might very well be the next-door neighbor she keeps leaving behind in Baltimore. And although the audience is never in doubt about the eventual resolution, it takes Montana most of the movie, of course, to wise up and realize that she's meant to marry the working-class hero who has long admired her from afar.

Written and directed by David E. Talbert, Baggage Claim is a fairly-transparent soap opera which tends to telegraph its every punch. Thanks to the intermittent comic relief coming courtesy of the irreverent Greek chorus comprised of flamboyantly gay Sam and boy crazy Gail, this exercise in the obvious is nevertheless a lot of fun to watch. It also helps immeasurably that the protagonist and her hunky suitors are so easy on the eyes.

A pleasant, if predictable, romantic comedy trading in the same sort of moralizing and colorful characters of a typical Tyler Perry production. The only thing missing is a sassy, self-righteous, pistol-packing granny in a dress.

Very Good (3 stars)

Rated PG-13 for profanity and sexuality
Running time: 96 minutes
Distributor: Fox Searchlight

KeKe Palmer On Colorism in Hollywood: 'I used to pray to have Light Skin'



Well here's an interesting revelation. According to KeKe Palmer, anyone who thinks colorism in the industry is a thing of the past is sadly mistaken.

Palmer recently made an appearance at the Hollywood Confidential Panel in Los Angeles where she revealed that she once wanted to have

lighter skin so that she could be beautiful.

"When I was like 5 years old I used to pray to have light skin because I would always hear how pretty that little light skin girl was, or I would hear I was pretty 'to be dark skinned.' It wasn't until I was 13 that I really learned to appreciate my skin color and know that I

was beautiful," she said.

The singer-actress faced skin bleaching rumors after photos appeared online showing her as much lighter, rumors that she quickly denied. "We need to stop separating ourselves by how dark or how light we are. I have been the same complexion all my life and if you think otherwise don't follow me."

On the panel was also actress Kimberly Elise; who added that African-Americans need to participate in the color spectrum in both Hollywood and the community. Gabrielle Union joined Viola Davis, Alfre Woodard, Phylicia Rashad and Oprah to discuss colorism in Hollywood, but the conversation quickly turned within to the pressures black women put on themselves.
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The Clock's Ticking



Dear Ayana,

I won't share my age with you, but I will say that I'm at the age where the window of opportunity for me to start a family is quickly closing. I am single and have been for most of my adult life. I date here and there, but I've never had the kind of relationship that has gone to the next level. After a few financial struggles in the past few years, I am finally out of debt and am in my own place and doing well. I feel like now is the right time to have a baby. When I share my feelings about motherhood with my friends, both single and married; some with kids and some without, all have a very negative view of my decision. All of their reasons vary, but all have the same opinion: It's not a good idea. I agree that being a single parent is not ideal. But what should I do, wait around as more years go by, hoping for Prince Charming? I don't think so! What do you think?

Single Parent By Choice

Dear Single Parent By Choice,

I completely agree with your friends. Being a parent will likely be the single most important assignment of your life. Deciding to go it alone is not wise. I'm sure that most single parents would agree that if they had the choice in having a

partner to share the responsibility of child rearing with, they would gladly accept the partnership. Marriage is always optional, but it is definitely OPTIMAL! Since you say you are not currently in a relationship, I can only assume that you either will see a specialist to help you achieve motherhood or that there may be some unsuspecting man on the receiving end of a very important conversation that involves him being a father. I hope that I'm wrong. In any case, this decision seems very selfish and more about you than about the life you will be carrying. You should really listen carefully to your friends, those who are single mothers and those who are able to share the responsibility. Motherhood is no easy task and as a single mother, it is unlikely that you will have a "day off". You will be the person that your child learns most lessons from. There has been a great debate for many years, I'm sure you know, about how effective a parent may or may not be at raising a child of the opposite sex. I think it can be done, but I think it would be extremely difficult. A child needs a mother and a father in their lives, preferably together, to help them develop into a healthy adult with a healthy view of relationships. I know that this doesn't happen all the time. In fact, it happens far less than we would all like. However, when the choice is made from the very beginning to start out at this extreme disadvantage, I have to believe that it will be even more difficult for both parent and child as they navigate life together. I again ask that you listen to your friends and weigh the pros and cons before making this decision.

Ayana

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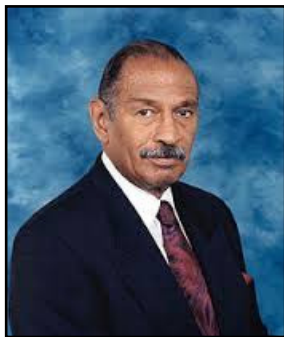
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Government

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unprecedented and will have serious consequences for the entire Nation," said Conyers.

"The Republican government shutdown will also have a devastating impact on federal Judiciary and law enforcement agencies. Specifically, over the last day I have learned that, amongst other things, a government shutdown will lead to the following:

Ø In two weeks time the federal Judicial system will close down for all cases except those deemed most essential

Ø Attorneys at the Justice Department may be prevented from protecting public health and safety, and to recoup billions from fraud and abuse of federal funds

Ø FBI agents will be unable to receive critical training for recruits at Quantico, in addition to the FBI being unable to bring in new agents next year because of budgetary cuts

Ø Over 404,000 enrolled employers and U.S. businesses will be hurt from being unable to have needed access to E-Verify, the Internet-based system that allows employers to voluntarily determine the eligibility of prospective employees to work in the United States. Last year more than 21 million queries were sent through the E-Verify system

Ø The Office of Foreign

Labor Certification at the Department of Labor will close and neither accept nor process any Labor Condition Applications, Applications for Prevailing Wage Determination, Applications for Temporary Employment Certification, or Applications for Permanent Employment Certification. This effectively prevents employers from seeking green cards for their essential employees, as well as from applying for high-skilled H-1B visas, agricultural H-2A visas, or non-agricultural H-2B visas.

Ø A government shutdown would result in the closure of most U.S. immigration courts, further adding to the backlog of immigration court dockets, which already suffer from years-long delays.

"These dire effects of a government shutdown come in addition to the

\$85.4 billion in budgetary sequester cuts already in place for 2013. The federal Judiciary alone has already taken a \$350 million budgetary hit, with a \$52 million shortfall for federal public defenders providing legal representation to indigent offenders. In addition, funding has been severely curtailed for substance abuse and mental health treatment, as well as for probation and pretrial services officers.

"Holding the federal government hostage over ideological demands is a reckless way to govern, and I urge my Republican colleagues to abandon this divisive approach. Playing politics with the fiscal health of the United States, and the actual health of the American people over the Affordable Care Act, is irresponsible and must come to an end."

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